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**TO: MHSА MEMBER SCHOOLS
MONTANA NEWS MEDIA**

FROM: BRIAN MICHELOTTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

The Montana High School Association Executive Board conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on November 20, 2023. Following is a synopsis of the major items:

1. The Board reviewed reports regarding recently held state events in cross country, football, golf, soccer, volleyball and all-state band, orchestra and chorus. The Executive Board and MHSA staff appreciate the personnel and the venues that hosted and administered these extremely successful events.
2. The preliminary budget for 2024-2025 was reviewed and approved by the Board pending final approval by the membership in January.
3. The Board reviewed submitted proposals to be considered at the MHSA Annual Meeting in January by member schools.
4. The Board approved adding many new committee members to the MHSA Sport committees. [Link to MHSA Committees](#)
5. The Board approved establishing an MHSA Technology Committee.
6. The Board approved the 2025-26 Calendar and adjusted the 2024-25 Calendar. Please note the 2025-26 Calendar has championships finishing after Memorial Day and the 2024-25 calendar was modified to have state baseball to be held on the same weekend as the other major state events. [2024--25 Calendar link](#) and [2025-26 Calendar link](#)
7. Class C Realignment in Basketball, Track & Field and Volleyball – The MHSA Executive Board recognizes the challenges of a statewide realignment and appreciates the time many Class C members have put into this project. Because almost every school participates in basketball, volleyball and track & field, the MHSA Executive Board has directed the Class C schools to work together to find a reasonable solution to align these sports in the same districts/divisions.
8. The Board authorized the extension of the NFHS Network contract an additional five years, which will be through 2033.



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The Executive Board took the following actions regarding realignment (pending two-week notice to affected schools for comment):

9. The Board approved the St Regis High School / Mullan, ID cooperative sponsorship and placed this team in the 8-player Western Division.
10. The Board approved moving Twin Bridges to participate in 8-Player Football. Twin Bridges was placed in the South Division.
11. The Board approved the proposed realignment for 8-Player Football to go from 5 divisions to 4 divisions in 2024-25. Approved realignment attached. [2024-25 8-Player Football Realignment](#)
12. The Board approved the proposed realignment for basketball, track and field and volleyball for the 13C and 14C districts. The 13C and 14C will now consolidate to become the 13C in 2024-25. The following schools will represent District 13C; Alberton, Charlo, Drummond, Granite, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Noxon, St. Regis, Seeley-Swan, Two Eagle River, Valley Christian, and Victor.

The Board took the following action, for which schools are given a two-week notice. Finalization of the items will take place during the January board meeting after affected schools have had the opportunity to submit final comments.

13. The Executive Board approved the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) template submitted by the MHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Schools must have an EAP for each venue where they practice or have contests. A form must be submitted to the MHSA by July 15th of each school year to verify the completion of this requirement.
14. The Board approved a change to qualifying procedures for the Class C Southern Divisional track meet. Last year in the 4C, 5C and 6C district meets, the top two places qualified for divisionals and then the next four best overall times/distances/heights also qualified. Beginning this year, the same procedures will be in place, but participants will also qualify for divisionals through divisional qualifying marks.

The MHSA Annual Meeting will be held on January 15, 2024 at the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn in Bozeman. The Executive Board will meet on January 13th and after the conclusion of the MHSA Annual Meeting.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact the MHSA office.